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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yu-Chi Sun et al. ✓) Group Art No.: 2813
Application No: 10/016,896 ✓) Examiner: Nguyen, Thanh T.
Filed: December 13, 2001) Re: RESPONSE TO
For: "A METHOD OF FORMING A SELF-ALIGNED CONTACT HOLE" ✓) RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
Our Ref: B-4418 619378-8
Date: September 17, 2002

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And
Election
J. McQuillan
9/29/02

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Official Action dated August 22, 2002. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the prosecution history of the subject application without prejudice. The amendments made herein are for purposes of clarity only.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claims 16 and 22, which are set forth in the enclosed Appendix A.

The Applicants previously paid for up to three independent claims and up to 20 total claims. Therefore, a fee is due for two excess independent claims and a check in the amount of \$168. is enclosed herewith.

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